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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Toshio UENO  
Serial No. : 10/002,740  
Filed : November 2, 2001  
For : SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR RANK ASSIGNMENT  
Art Unit : 3623  
Examiner : Tamara L. Graysay

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
March 2, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
June 2, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-20 and  
22-30 are amended; claims 2, 21 and 31-41 are canceled; and  
claims 42-54 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.